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INTELLIGENCE MEMORANDUM

Situation in the Dominican Republic
(Report #182 - As of 10:00 am EDT)

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[REDACTED] as of 8:00 pm EDT last evening conversations held with local businessmen indicated that commerce and the pattern of living was returning to normal in Santiago and environs.

2. The US consul on 6 May completed a two-day survey of Cibao, the central valley region; his observations tended to confirm his previously stated opinion that the military is acting jointly and is in control. The populace is relatively content and apparently in no mood to disturb the peace or to join the rebel movement. The consul reported that residents of the area had mixed feelings regarding the presence of US troops in the capital, but they are generally accepted as a welcome deterrent to active hostilities. In addition to the rural area, the consul visited the following towns on his trip: Navarette, Altamira, Imbert, Luperon, Puerto Plata, Villa Vasquez, Restauracion, Dajabon, Monte Cristi, Quayubin, Santiago Rodriguez, Valverde, and Esperanza.

3. The consul also reports that rumors continue to circulate about planned "Communist Revolutionary" activities in the area, and there are indications that local Communists are meeting more frequently now than in the past week.

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